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Applicant : Uwe Fischer et al.

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Title : Optical Coupling Systems and Optical

Connectors

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph on page 13, lines 1-8, as follows:

-- Fig. 3 shows an alternative exemplary embodiment of the optical connector. The optical connector in turn contains an outer connector housing 11', an inner connector housing 23', a fiber end piece 24', an adapter 15' and a fiber anti-kink protector 22'. In the case of this exemplary embodiment, the outer connector housing 11', the inner connector housing 23'